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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

APPLICANTS: Mangus Hallbäck et al CONFIRMATION NO.: 1163  
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 13, 2004, Applicants herewith re-submit the "IN THE CLAIMS" of the Amendment filed on September 30, 2004, wherein the omitted status designations for claims 7 and 8 have been added.

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